

DATES OF EATON'S FERNS OF NORTH AMERICA.

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MR. W. R. MAXON has called my attention to the fact that there is no evidence in the two volumes of D. C. Eaton's Ferns of North America that the work was issued in fascicles or that each complete volume was not published at a single date. In looking through the contemporary periodicals, however, I find notices from time to time of the publication of separate parts, twenty-seven having been issued between the last part of 1877 and August, 1880, when the work was completed. These notices were found in American Journal of Science, Botanical Gazette and Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club as follows: —

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Pt. I	pp. 1-20	Am. Jour. Sci. ser. 3, xv. p. 72	Jan. 1878
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Pt. II	pp. 21-43	Am. Jour. Sci. ser. 3, xv. p. 223	Mar. 1878
	pl. 4-6	Bot. Gaz. iii. p. 40	Apr. 1878
Pt. III	pp. 44-72	Am. Jour. Sci. ser. 3, xv, p. 319	Apr. 1878
	pl. 7-9	Bot. Gaz. iii, p. 40	Apr. 1878
Pt. I-III		Bull. Torr. Bot. Club, vi. p. 208	Feb. 1878
Pt. IV & V	pp. 73-113	Bull. Torr. Bot. Club, vi. p. 222	Apr. 1878
	pl. 10-15	Am. Jour. Sci. ser. 3, xv, p. 483	June 1878
		Bot. Gaz. iii. p. 56	June 1878
Pt. VI & VII	pp. 114-160	Am. Jour. Sci. ser. 3, xvi, p. 240	Sept. 1878
	pl. 16-21		
Pt. VIII & IX	pp. 161-208	Am. Jour. Sci. ser. 3, xvi. p. 487	Dec. 1878
	pl. 22-27		
Pt. X & XI	pp. 209-256	Bot. Gaz. iv. p. 116	Jan. 1879
	pl. 28-33		
Pt. XII & XIII	pp. 257-304	Bull. Torr. Bot. Club, vi. p. 298	Mar. 1879
	pl. 34-39	Bot. Gaz. iv. p. 149	Apr. 1879
		Am. Jour. Sci. ser. 3, xvii. 338	Apr. 1879
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The complete work is not covered by these notices, nor is the exact date of publication of the numbers of the periodicals given. Wishing to get more accurate data I sent to Mr. C. E. Faxon, one of the illustrators, the information I had found and asked if he could add to it. Fortunately he had kept his copy in the original covers and had recorded on each part the date on which it was received by him. A few days before his death he very kindly sent the following compilation to me with the permission to use it in this article.

Fascicles.	Pages and plates.	Received by Mr. Faxon.
Pt. I	pp. 1-20, pl. 1-3	Nov. 28, 1877
" II	" 21-44, " 4-6	Jan. 31, 1878
" III	" 45-68, " 7-9	Feb. 28, 1878
" IV-V	" 69-114, " 10-15	Apr. 30, 1878
" VI-VII	" 115-160, " 16-21	July 24, 1878
" VIII-IX	" 161-208, " 22-27	Oct. 7, 1878
" X-XI	" 209-256, " 28-33	Dec. 18, 1878
" XII-XIII	" 257-304, " 34-39	Feb. 21, 1879
" XIV-XV	" 305-352, " 40-45	May 7, 1879
" XVI-XVII	" i-xiv. Vol. I; 1-32 Vol. II. pls. 46-51	June 17, 1879
" XVIII-XIX	" 33-80, pls. 52-57	Aug. 19, 1879
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" XXII-XXIII	" 129-176, " 64-69	Dec. 23, 1879
" XXIV-XXVII	" 177-272, " 70-81	Apr. 1, 1880
pp. I-XXXI. 273-285. "Rec'd several weeks later."		

Although these dates of receipt were doubtless in each case from one to several days later than those of actual issue, the source of the information was so trustworthy and the approximation to the times of publication obviously so close, that it seems well worth while to place the data on published record.

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